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March 10, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians in Golden and Windermere;

**Re: Trans-Canada Highway - Kicking Horse Canyon Upgrade Project**

Construction of the fourth and final phase of the Kicking Horse Canyon Project, located just east of Golden BC, is commencing this spring.

The work will involve significant traffic disruptions on Highway 1, including 20-minute stoppages, overnight closures, and multi-day closures during off-peak seasons.

The first multi-day closure, requiring motorists to use Highways 93 and 95 as an alternative route, will be Monday, April 12 to Friday, May 14, 2021. During this closure you can expect a noticeable increase in traffic along Highway 95 between Radium Hot Springs and Golden.

Our Operations Department has been an active member on the project's stakeholder group and have been working with project team to ensure our bus stops are as safe as possible. Risk assessments have been conducted on all highway school bus stops between Radium and Golden. Our school buses that operate on highway 95 have been outfitted with comfort and care items should the bus be stopped in traffic for an extended period. Extra traffic may affect our bus schedules, therefore we will monitor and if an adjustment in pickup times is required, we will provide sufficient notice to all bus parents.

The attached document contains some simple guidelines to help your child(ren) be seen and be safe while waiting for their bus to arrive and when getting on and off their school bus. Additional information regarding school bus transportation is on the School District web site at [www.sd6.bc.ca](http://www.sd6.bc.ca).

If you have questions please contact the Operations Supervisor in your area.

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More information on the project can be found on the Kicking Horse Canyon project website at [www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca](http://www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca).

Sincerely,

*Karen Shipka*

Karen Shipka, Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Board of Trustees  
Golden and Windermere Principals  
Operations Department



## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND AWARENESS

### What's going on?

Highway construction for the Kicking Horse Canyon Project will close the Trans-Canada Highway from time to time for the next three years. During longer closures, you will see more traffic than usual on Highway 95 between Radium Hot Springs and Golden. Remember the tips below to Be Seen and Be Safe while waiting for the school bus to arrive, and when getting on and off the school bus.

### School bus safety

- Arrive early at the bus stop and never run after a bus if you're late.
- Wear visible, bright clothing and add reflective tape to your backpack or jacket for dark or rainy days.
- Keep an eye out for younger children to ensure they're safe; be a role model for safe choices when walking with others, particularly when they're younger than you.
- Stand at least two steps back from the road while waiting for the bus and move further back when the bus arrives. Wait until the bus comes to a full stop and the bus driver has signalled that it is safe for you to get on the bus.
- When leaving a school bus, walk 10 steps ahead of it before you cross the road so that the driver sees you. Make eye contact with the driver – a bus driver cannot see you when you're close beside, behind or right in front of the bus
- Check for traffic in both directions and wait for a signal from bus driver before crossing the road.





Rocky Mountain School District needs your help to keep our students safe

### WHEN WE STOP, YOU STOP!

School bus signals are just like traffic signals.



**PREPARE TO STOP**



**STOP!**